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BY TELEGRAPH. From Louisville. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—Gen. Sheridan yesterday advised the Government at Washington that he had been ordered to be addressed to Secretary Belknap.

"I think the terrorism now existing in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas could be entirely removed and confidence and fair dealing established by the arrest and trial of the ringleaders of the armed White Leagues. If Congress would pass a bill declaring these banditti, they could be tried by a Military Commission.

"The leaders of the banditti who murdered men here on the 14th of last September, also more recently at Vicksburg, Mississippi, should, in justice to law and order, and the peace and prosperity of this Southern part of the country, be punished.

"It is possible that if the President would issue a proclamation declaring them banditti, that no further action need be taken, except that which would devolve on me."

Collision—Church Delegates—Cold Weather. Special to the Star. DAYTON, O., Jan. 6.—The locomotive of the Pan-handle passenger train from the West, at ten o'clock yesterday, was thrown from the track near the Dayton and Union freight depot by a collision with a train of freight cars, led standing on a side track.

Short-Horn Breeders and Wool-Growers' Convention. Special to the Star. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 6.—Some forty or fifty of the leading short-horn cattle breeders of the State were present at the meeting here yesterday.

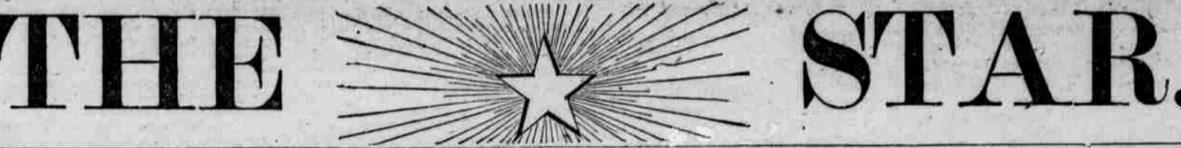
A Constitution and By-laws for a permanent Association was adopted. The object of the Association was therein declared to be, "to establish a medium of communication between all the short-horn breeders of the State, and to collect and distribute any information in regard to short-horn breeding that may be of value to breeders, and in every way to promote the interest of short-horn breeders."

The wool-growers' annual convention met last evening in the Senate Chamber, Mr. J. C. Stevens, of Hardin county, was chosen President. A strong opposition was manifested to the proposed Canadian Reciprocity Treaty, and also to the expected repeal of the tariff on wool, and an address thus stating the sense of the meeting was agreed upon.

A committee of the Board of Trade has been appointed to receive and entertain invited guests during the Scioto railroad meeting in the city on the 14th inst. Gov. Allen will attend.

The choir of the First Presbyterian Church here, it appears, refused to accept the reduced pay which the church society had resolved upon, and will not sing again unless their demands are complied with. The society consider themselves unable in these hard times to pay their singers their former high salaries, even if they have to dispense with "classical" music in the future.

Legislature. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5.—SENATE.—Petitions for a law to compel fence owners to keep their fences repaired. For a reduction of fees of county officers and increase of pay of jurors in justices' cases. A resolution to print 1,500 additional copies of bills limiting fees of county officers was adopted.



NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Judgment has been rendered in the Ecclesiastical Court removing Bishop Martin from his see. The Bishop is absent from England.

PANAMA, Jan. 6.—All the great Powers have authorized their representatives at Madrid to enter into semi-official relations with the new Government.

The ex-King of the Two Sicilies has visited Alfonso, and assured him that Count Caserta and Bari will withdraw from the Carlist cause.

The new opera-house was opened last night with great ceremony and display, preparations for the event having been made for a long time past.

The U. S. ship Pensacola, now at San Francisco, has a detailed to carry King Kalakaua home.

At Circleville, O., yesterday, ice three inches thick was packed. All the force available is at work to-day.

The annual sale of pews in Plymouth Church took place last night. The sales amounted to \$70,000, against \$58,000 last year.

Wm. H. Togg, Director of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., resigned yesterday, announcing he was going into business in China.

WHAT THE WILES WHISPER.

The thermometer at Fort Wayne last night was 4 deg. below zero.

The thermometer at Omaha yesterday stood at 10 degrees below zero.

The temperance crusaders were on the streets in Richmond, Ind., yesterday.

Mrs. Warrick, an old colored lady, fell Sunday, at Logan, and broke her neck.

Governor Hartranft will send his message to the Pennsylvania Legislature to-day.

At New Schumaker is the next Congressman ready to tell all about Pacific Mail matters.

The Western Fruit Distributing Association held its first annual meeting in Chicago yesterday.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. Czar was very handsomely treated in Paris.

Kalakaua objects to card-playing since he lost \$500 on a hand.

Bancroft writes on his history two hours before breakfast.

Prince Leleokoh rules Hawaii while Kalakaua is here visiting.

Katie King was a "case" when she crawled into the covering of a bed bolster.

Brigham Young is obliged to defer several of his marriages on account of his serious illness.

Prince George of Russia is writing a drama, the subject of which is taken from the Old Testament.

Miss Kellogg's favorite being is the one held by the leading violinist in the orchestra. Fiddleticks!

CHEMISTRY.

The word Chemistry is derived from the Arabic, and was originally the art or science now called alchemy, which was the supposed gift of a certain few individuals who possessed the knowledge of converting the baser metals into gold.

The Arabic word kama signifies to hide, to conceal. The art of alchemy is of very great antiquity, and is supposed to have been practiced as early as the third century.

The Emperor Diocletian made an order directing search for books or writings treating of the wonderful art of transmuting the baser metals into gold and silver, and commanding that all the books or writings, when found, should be committed to the flames, and that all the implements, retorts, powders or liquids used for such purposes should likewise be destroyed.

Alchemy was long connected by the ignorant and superstitious with the power and attributes of the devil, and its possessors were charged with being in league with him in the practice of what was known as the black art.

It is thought by many erudite people that the art of counterfeiting the ancient coins had its origin in the study and manipulations of the alchemist, and that in those early times the secret manner in which these mysterious beings worked, the care they exercised, and holding themselves aloof from society, was with a view to hide their employment from the public gaze, while, by means of their knowledge of the arts and their acquired skill in other respects, they were enabled to succeed, and successfully, to a greater or less degree, to flood the channels of commercial circulation with base silver and gold.

The alchemist, with the purpose also of gaining credit with the masses, pretended to have found a universal remedy for disease, and an alkali, or universal solvent, for every known substance. He greatly from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century, but is now held in universal contempt.

After the downfall of the race of alchemists, the true science of chemistry grew up and developed into harmonious proportions. It endeavored to discover by analysis and synthesis the nature and properties of different bodies, and the changes of composition that occur among the integrant elements under certain combinations.

The use of symbols was early employed by the alchemists to represent the metals known to them, the metals themselves being at the same time called after the bodies of bodies. The early chemists also used a few symbols that seemed appropriate to their occupation, and for many centuries these continued to be employed without material alteration.

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NEWS FROM POINTS AROUND.

GREENSBURG, Ind.—The preliminary examination of James Collins, lasting two days, closed this morning. Scobey & Scobey for the State, and Judge Moore for defense. It will be remembered that Collins was charged with complicity in the Belle Werts abortion, which created such a sensation in this city a few weeks ago.

The case was submitted on the evidence offered by the State, and after a full argument by counsel the defendant was discharged. Justice Rossell, in summing up the testimony, said there was nothing in it that tended to show that Collins was implicated in the abortion.

AVONDALE.—Council meets in regular session to-morrow evening. Samuel B. Reed, Editor of the Gazette, lectures before the Village Lyceum on next Friday evening. Subject—"The Great Moral Engine." This is Mr. Reed's first appearance as a lecturer.

East Shillito street, from Main avenue to Lane street, is soon to be improved. This street will afford a direct and pleasant connection with Walnut Hills, the need of which has long been felt.

The report of Julius Dexter, as President of the Zoological Society, is of great interest to every Avondalian, and should be carefully read by them. The success of that enterprise is of great concern to the village.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Nearly all the bystanders attending the City Court are men of color, so they are to the proceedings with much attention. A stranger would think they were studying law.

The religious denominations of Lexington can build as many costly temples of worship as they need with little difficulty. But the wealthy county of Fayette, with the proudest of Kentucky, can not afford a respectable Court-house.

If any one wants to see things as they were a century ago, let him visit the Fayette County Court-house, the inside of which will give him the horrors. C. F. Cannon & Co., insurance agents, report a loss of \$1,000, caused by the fire at the residence of Henry Greenwood, Esq., on Walnut street, last Sunday night. The fire originated from a defective flue.